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SUBJ: LOS COMITE 1 DISCUSSION 19 OCTOBER

SUMMARY: COMITE 1 CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF LOS ITEM 19 OCTOBER AND HEARD STATEMENTS BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA, INDONESIA, UKRAINE, INDIA, ALGERIA, AFGHANISTAN, GUINEA, ROMANIA, YEMEN, LIBERIA, MALTA, QATAR AND NEPAL. END SUMMARY.

1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULAGARIA AND UKRAINE FOLLOWED SOVIET ARGUEMENT THAT SBC PREPARATROY WORK WAS INSUFFICIENT AND SHOULD CONTINUE IN 1974. WHEN CONF DOES CONVENE RULES MUST INCLUDE PRINCIPLE OF CONSENSUS AND PARTICIPATION MUST BE UNIVERSAL.

2. INDONESIA (KAMIL) URGED SINGLE 10 WEEK SESSION IN 1974 WITH POSSIBILITY OF SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS LATER ON. KAMIL BELIEVES PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY SHOULD APPLY TO CONF

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PARTICIPATION. INDIA (SETHI) RECOMMENDED ADHERENCE TO

TIMETABLE FOR LOS CONF. HE SAID CHANGE IN STRUCTURE OF PREPARATORY WORK COULD BEGIN NEGOTIATION PROCESS AND CREATE PROGRESS BEFORE CONF BEGAN. SETHI AGREES THAT CONSENSUS SHOULD BE SOUTH AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BUT PROCEDURES SHOULD INCLUDE PROVISION FOR VOTING.

3. ALGERIA (AZZOUT) FAVORS ONE LONG CONF SESSION IN 1974, ALL STATES PARTICIPATION, AND CONSENSUS WHERE POSSIBLE BUT NOT TO POINT WHERE MINORITY WOULD PREVENT DECISIONS THRU INTRASIGENCE. AFGHANISTAN (GHAUS) EMPHASIZED NEEDS OF LAND LOCKED STATES AND NOTED UNILATERAL EXTENSION OF LIMITS BY CERTAIN STATES WERE REDUCING COMMON HERITAGE. HE URGED 10 WEEK SESSION, ALL STATES PARTICIPATION, AND CONSENSUS APPROACH TO REACH DECISIONS.

4. GUINEA (CISSE) DEPLORED LENGTH AND PLURALITY OF PAST SBC SESSION CITING EXPENSE AND DEMANDS ON LIMITED EXPERTISE. ON SUBSTANTIVE SESSION WAS RECOMMENDED AND INVITATIONS SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL STATES INCLUDING GUINEA (B). ROMANIA (CRISTESCU) FAVORS CONVENING CONF IN 1974 WITH UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP. YEMEN (TARCICI) URGED 1974 CONF OPERATING UNDER RULES OF CONSENSUS AND 1975 SESSION IF CONSENSUS NOT POSSIBLE.

5. LIBERIA (HARMON) AND QATAR (JAMAL) RECOMMENDED CONVENING CONF TO ALLOW NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO BEGIN. MALTA (VELLA) NOTED THAT SESSION LONGER THAT 10 WEEKS WOULD HEAVILY STRAIN SMALL DELEGATIONS AND URGED GENEVA OR NY AS SITE OF CONF OTHERWISE TO THE WAY OF SBC. VELLA RECOMMENDED THAT CHANGES BE MADE IN ORGANIZATION OF WORK BEFORE CONF MET TO CREATE MORE EFFICIENT DIVISION OF LABOR. NEPAL (UPADHYAY) STATED FIRST 3 WEEKS OF CONF SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO CONTINUING PREPARATORY WORK AND REMAINDER TO SUBSTANTIVE. RULES SHOULD NOT GIVE RISE TO TYRANNY OF MAJORITY OR VETO OF MINORITY.

6. COMITE 1 CHAIRMAN HOPES TO CONCLUDE DEBATE ON LOS ITEM 22 OCTOBER. IF WORK NOT COMPLETED HE WILL RETURN TO ITEM LATER FOR FINAL DECISION BY COMITE.

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